

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST

Dream, Act, Inspire

Who May Apply? All K – 12 students are eligible to participate in the essay contest. All participants must be enrolled in a Kentucky school.

Requirements/Instructions for Primary(K-3):

- Entries must be **250 words or less** on standard 8-1/2 x 11 white paper with 1" margins, double spaced, and in no creative font (Arial and/or New Times Roman are recommended).
- Illustrations may be used to support the essay.

Instruction to support theme:

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great thinker. He saw a problem in the way that African Americans were treated differently because of the way they looked or where they were from. He wanted to fix this problem and bring about a great change in our world. How can I make my world (e.g., home, school, community) a better place? What problem do I see? What role do I play in making a positive change that helps the future for all people? If I could do anything to make the world a better place to live in, what would it be?

Requirements/instructions for Intermediate (4th-5th grade):

- Entries must be **500 words or less** on standard 8-1/2 x 11 white paper with 1" margins, double spaced, and in no creative font (Arial and/or New Times Roman are recommended).
- Videos, films, drawings, etc. will not be accepted.

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Requirements/instructions for Middle and High School:

- Entries must be **500 words or less** on standard 8-1/2 x 11 white paper with 1" margins, double spaced, and in no creative font (Arial and/or New Times Roman are recommended).
- Videos, films, drawings, etc. will not be accepted.

Instruction to support theme:

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a visionary. He saw a problem in the way that African Americans were treated. He sought to fix this problem, and in essence brought about great change in our world.

What problem do you see that currently exists in our world? What vision do you have that promotes change in your community and in the world at large?

All writing entries will be judged on the criteria listed in the Kentucky Writing Scoring Rubric: **purpose, awareness of audience, idea development, organization** (sentence structure and transitions), **language**, and **correctness**.

Prizes:

Prize Winner	Primary	Intermediate (4th-5th)	Middle School	High School
1 st	\$200 US Savings Bond	\$200 US Savings Bond	\$200 US Savings Bond	\$200 US Savings Bond
2 nd	\$100 US Savings Bond	\$100 US Savings Bond	\$100 US Savings Bond	\$100 US Savings Bond
3 rd	\$50 US Savings Bond	\$50 US Savings Bond	\$50 US Savings Bond	\$50 US Savings Bond

Deadline: Entries **must be received** (not postmarked) in the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment no later than close of business on November 5, 2010.

How to Submit Entries: Students should mail or deliver entries to:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest –2011
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 138, Frankfort, KY 40601

Information to include with entries:

- Student's name, address, and grade level
- Parent's name and home phone number
- School district, school name, and school telephone number
- Teacher's name

If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment at 502-564-2611, ext. 370.

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Address _____

City and Zip _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Phone Number _____

Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____

School Name _____

School District _____

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